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THE POWERFUL CAPTAIN BRITAIN, THE SHAPE-CHANGING MEGGAN, THE INTANGIBLE SHADOWCAT, THE SWASHBUCKLING NIGHTCRAWLER, THE MYSTERIOUS PHOENIX, THE EVER-UNPREDICTABLE WIDGET AND LOCKHEED THE DRAGON FORGED IN THE FIRES OF THEIR TRAGIC PASTS. THEY HAVE BANDED TOGETHER TO FIGHT A MODERN DAY CRUSADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL! STAN LEE PRESENTS...

## EXCALIBUR

IT TAKES A SPECIAL MAN TO DESTROY AN ENTIRE DIMENSION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIS GOAL.

DR. VICTOR VON DOOM IS JUST SUCH A MAN.

IT TAKES A CAPTAIN DIMENSION TO CAGE IN ON ITSELF...

...THAT IT MIGHT YIELD AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF MYSTICAL METAL CALLED PROPHETUM.

OTHERPLACE IS JUST SUCH A DIMENSION.

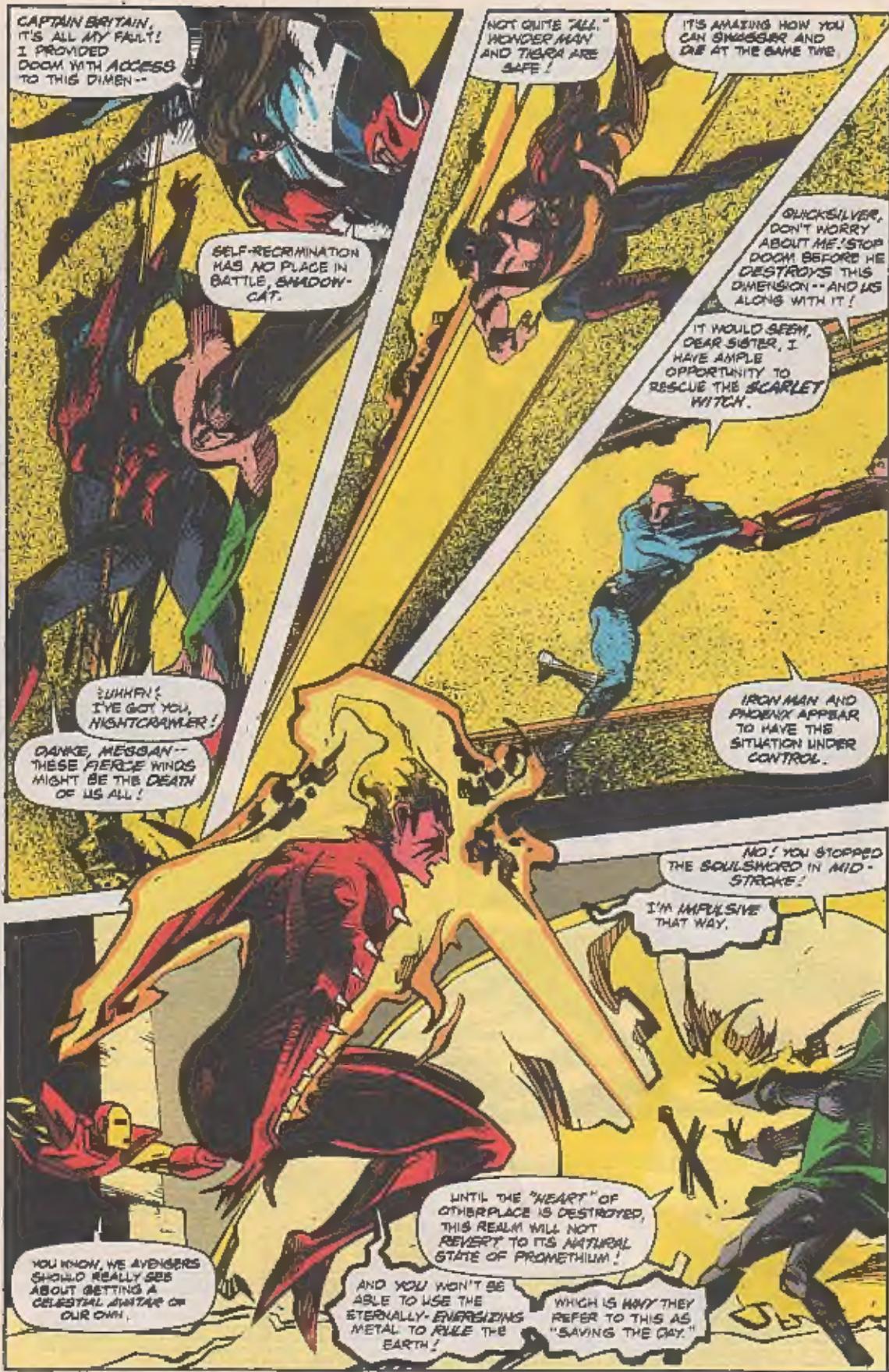
AND WHILE IT MAY TAKE THE UNIQUE UNION OF TWO OF EARTH'S SUPER-POWERED TEAMS TO STOP HIM...

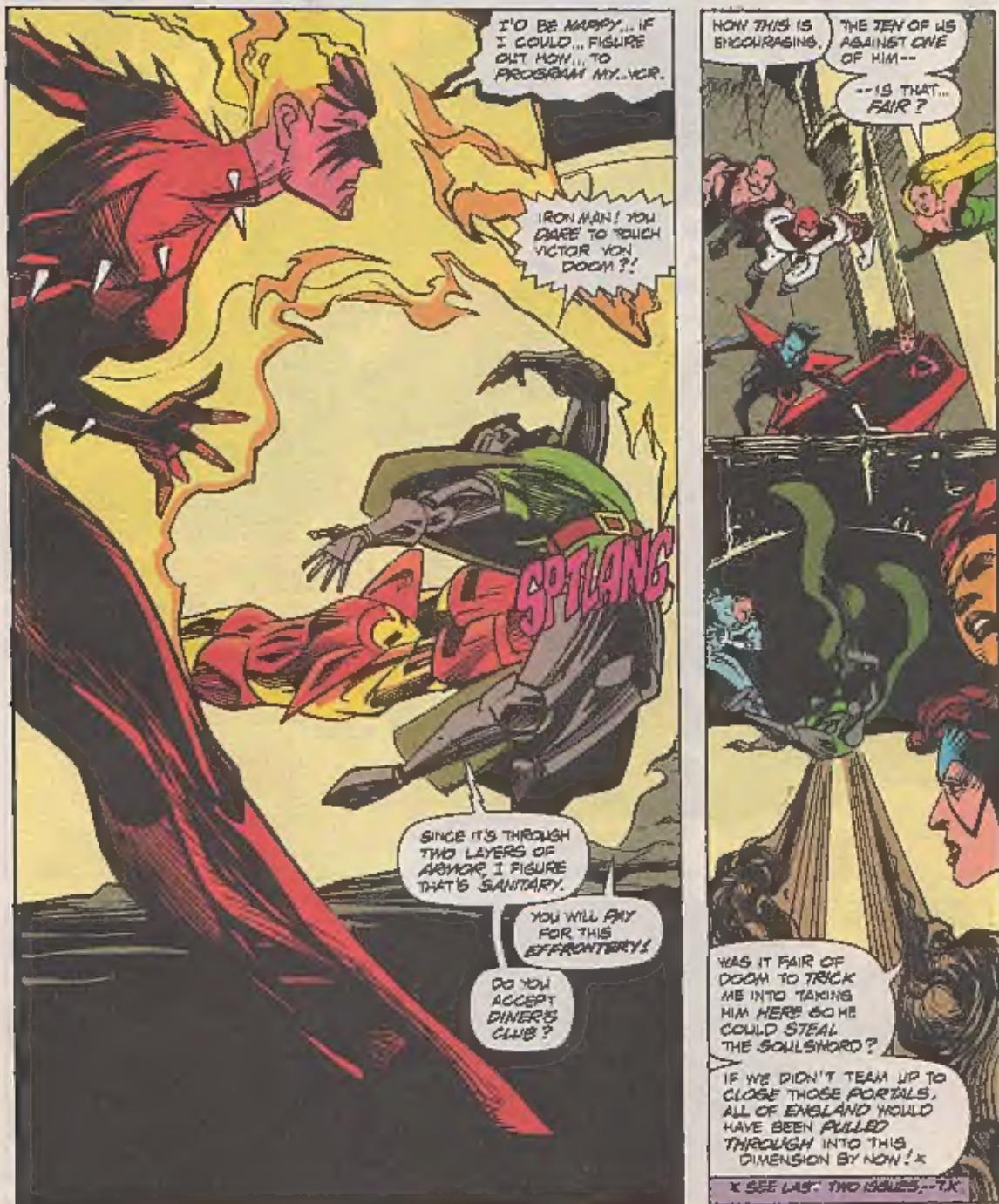
ONLY TIME WILL TELL IF EXCALIBUR AND AVENGERS WEST ARE UP TO THE TASK.

UNFORTUNATELY... TIME IS SOMETIME THEY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF AT THIS MOMENT.



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"FINALLY, A DEMON WHO'S DONE HIS RESEARCH."







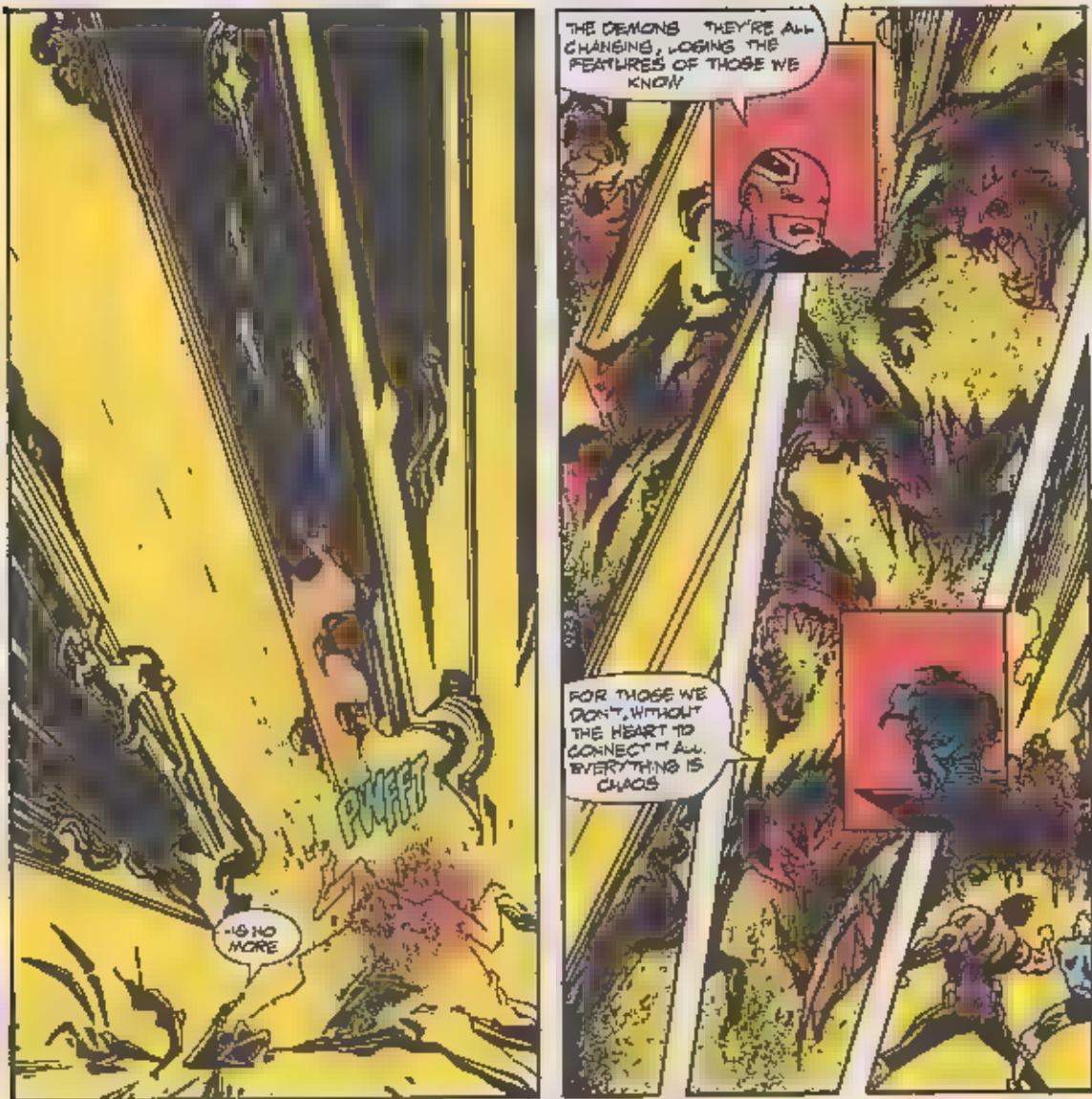












JUST AS I  
PLANNED -- THE  
DESTRUCTION  
OF THE HEART  
HAS OPENED A  
TEMPORARY  
SPATIAL VORTEX  
TO EARTH

BARRING ANY UNFORESEEN  
COMPLICATIONS ALL OF  
OTHERPLACE SHALL BECOME  
A PROMETHEUM GRAVEYARD  
FOR MY ADVERSARIES

IT IS UN-  
FORTUNATE  
THAT EVERY  
LIVING BEING  
HERE WILL  
CEASE TO  
EXIST

I FEEL  
DARKOTH WAS  
JUST BEGINNING  
TO GRASP THE  
SCOPE OF HIS  
DESTINY

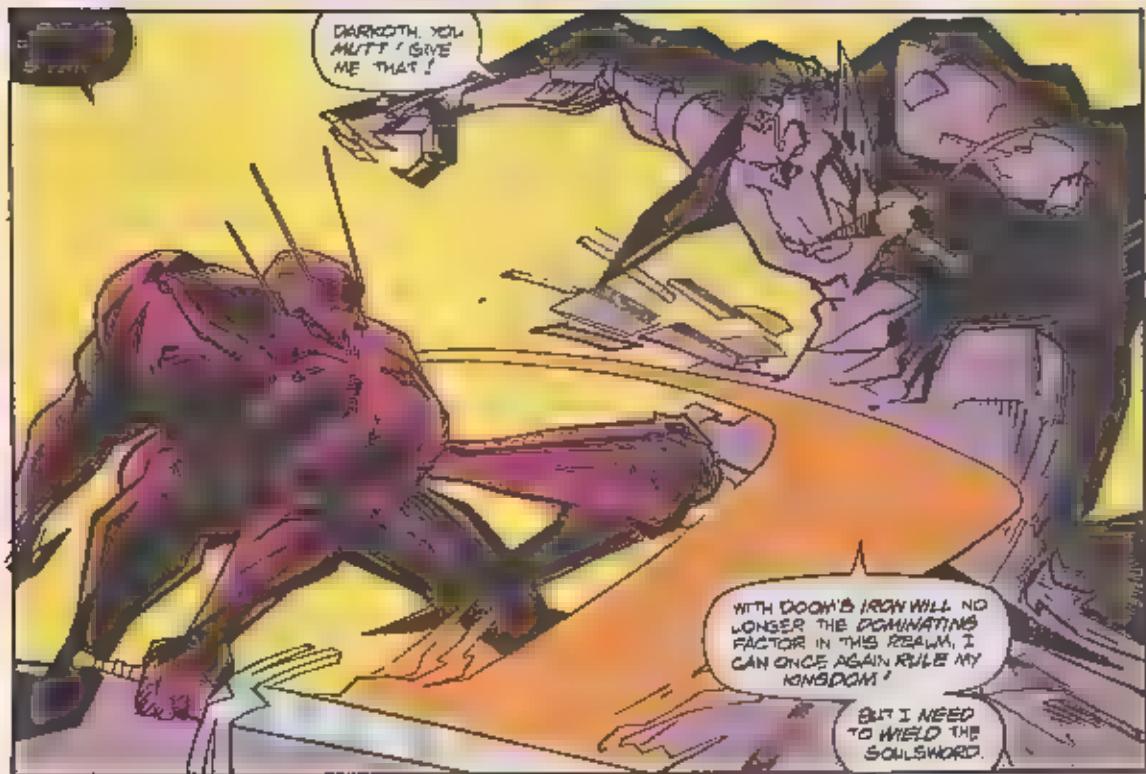


IS HE  
GONE  
YET?

BOOOO!



DARKOTH, YOU  
MUST! GIVE  
ME THAT!



BUT I NEED  
TO WIELD THE  
SOULSWORD.

HEADS UP, EVERYONE! F.S.Y.M. GETS HIS HANDS ON THE SOUL SWORD. WE'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE!



YOU MEAN WORSE TROUBLE THAN AN ENTIRE DIMENSION OF RAMPAGING DEMONS MADE OF RAW PROMETHIUM?

THE FELINE FRAULEIN HAS A POINT, MEN FREUND.

LET'S DEAL WITH ONE CATASTROPHE AT A TIME

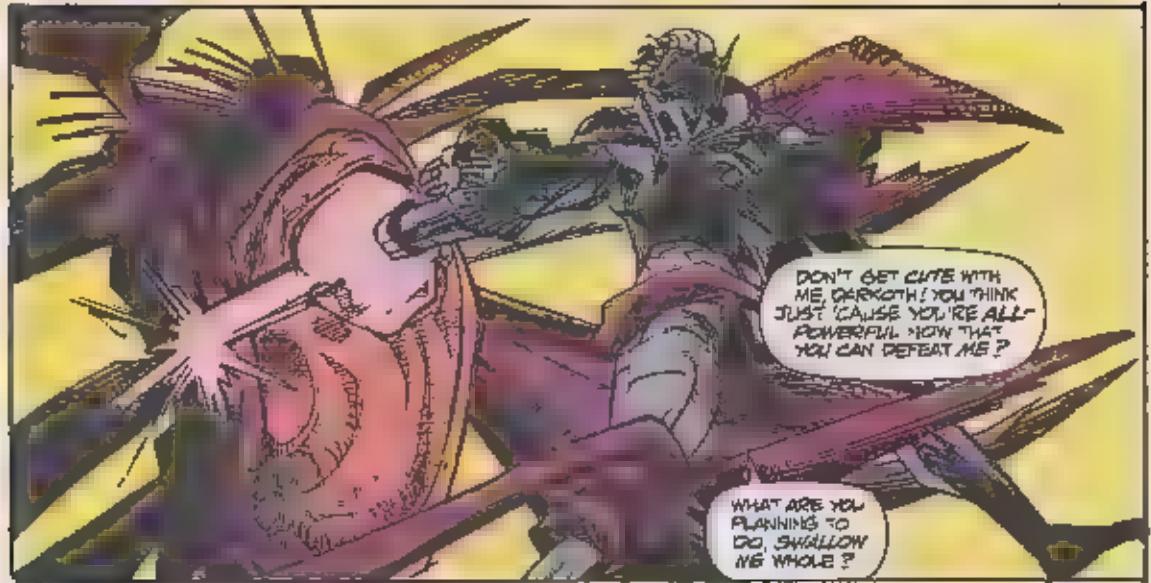
THIS IS NOTHING! THERE WAS A TIME WE AVENGERS WERE BATTING MASTER PANDEMONIUM...

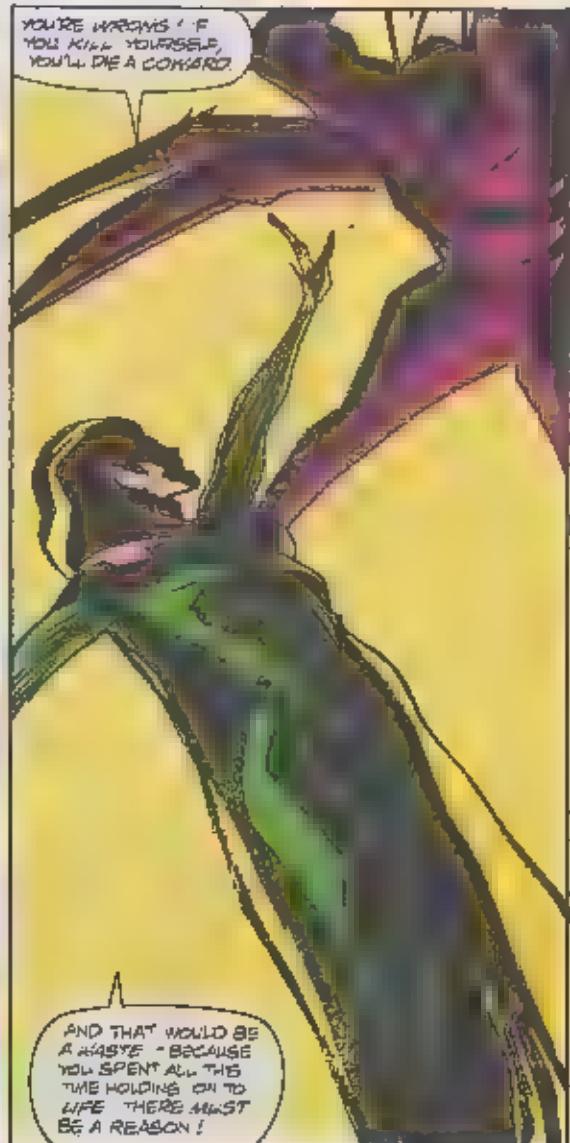
LATER, SIMON! IF WE DON'T FIND A WAY TO REVERSE THE PROCESS DOOM STARTED

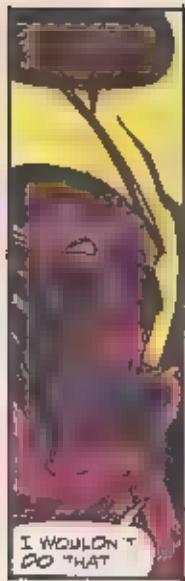
RECONSTRUCT THE HEART AND RETURN THESE CREATURES TO SOME SEMBLANCE OF LIFE

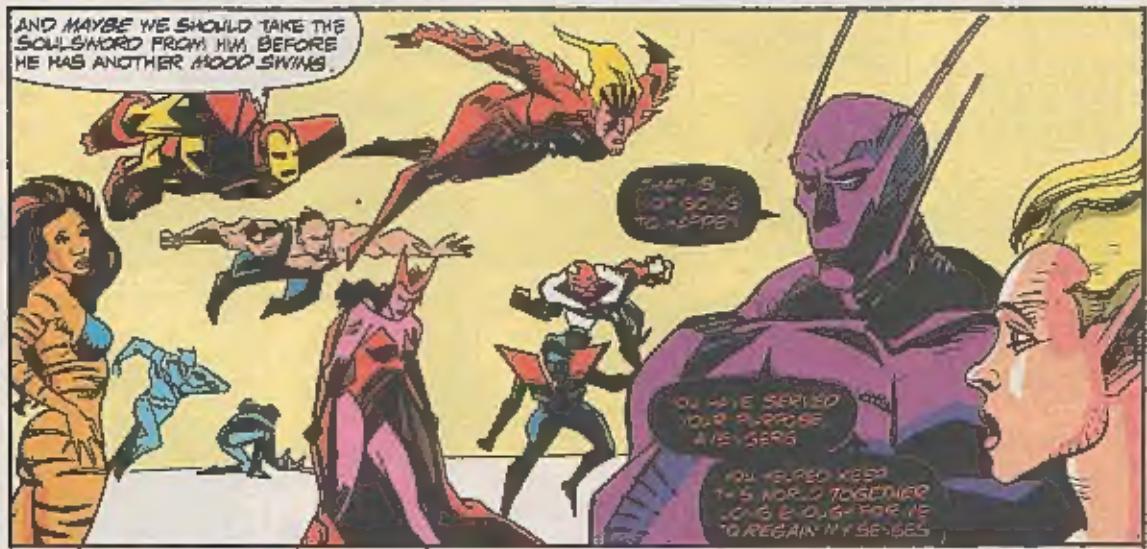
DOOM WILL RETURN TO STRIKE AGAIN THE PROMETHIUM OVER OUR DEAD BODIES

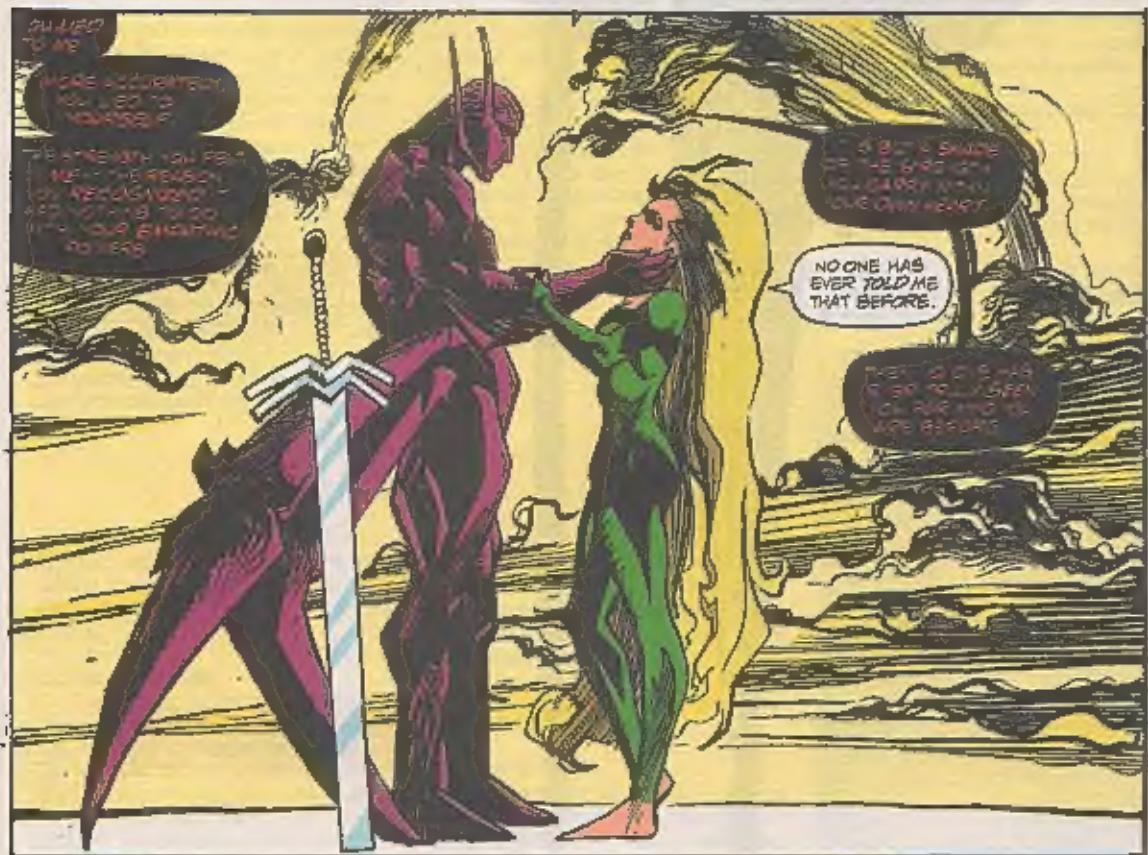


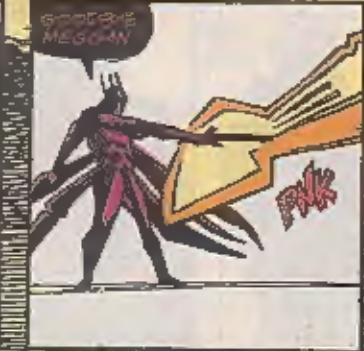












AND SO HE SITS,  
PROTECTOR OF  
OTHERPLACE.

FOR YEARS HE HAS  
FELT ALONE IN A  
DIMENSION FULL  
OF DEMONS.

NOW HE IS COMPLETELY  
ALONE - BUT HE'S  
REGAINED HIS HUMANITY.

AND HE BELIEVES IT WAS  
A FAIR EXCHANGE.

B. J. — 11

# SWORD STROKES

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Attention correspondents: If you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I've been collecting EXCALIBUR since issue #13. When my friend brought it for me I was not sure I was going to like it. Then when I started to read it I found out that I liked it. I liked the "Cross-Time Caper." My favorite series was "Girls' School From Heck." In issue #33 I have one question and it calls for a No-Prize. In issue #33 Nighthcrawler teleported twice but in back issues Nighthcrawler said he could only teleport once. So how about a No-Prize?

Chris Awtry  
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Glad you like EXCALIBUR so much, Chris, but we're sorry to tell you that there isn't a No-Prize winging its way to you! Nighthcrawler is recuperating from injuries, and in past issues when he was weaker, he could not teleport more than once in a row. As Nighthcrawler recovers, he is gaining back his old strength and was able to teleport twice by then! Sorry!

Dear Sword Strokes,

Oh gosh! Oh golly! Oh WOW!! That's all I can say about the new story line. "Girls' School From Heck" was just great. I'm glad to see Kitty back with the team and the appearances of Mesmero and Fennis came as a welcome surprise.

Kurt has to be my favorite character. His style and panache are unequalled. There doesn't happen to be a fan club for our favorite German super type, does there? I don't mean to ruffle any feathers but could we see Kurt at least try a different costume? The red, white and black one is just great but it's getting a little old.

Last but not least, could the team members begin answering the letter pages? Their replies would be interesting, to say the least. So Let's See Who and Make Mine Marvel.

C. Brock Harmon  
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The team is so busy right now, C. We just wouldn't feel right about asking them to take time out of their hectic super hero schedule to answer letters!

Dear Sword Strokes,

The current issues #32-34, "Girls' School From Heck," are great. Having Kitty lead the school to somewhat of a victory (the school is still open) and reuniting her with the rest of the team is just part of this great story. The Mesmero problem was handled stupendously. I

love how Lockheed scorched him, and to have Fennis defeated so easily was great!

Please have a few cross-overs with other titles. The one with THOR was awesome.

Keep up the great, very great work.

Kasey Stephan  
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Kasey, you weren't the only one who loved Lockheed's trick! We received lots of letters about it -- seems everyone enjoyed it!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I've got a few things to say about EXCALIBUR. First of all, EXCALIBUR is without a doubt, one of the best comics out on the stand. But (there's always a but), there are a few things that definitely need to change, especially in the character area.

Rachel (the sexy redhead), needs to put her abilities to use. I know for a fact that she can do better than she is doing now. One minute she's weekminded and easily beaten, and then she turns around and you make her superhumanly powerful. Sometimes she doesn't even seem like she's a part of the team.

That's another thing you need to work on -- teamwork. EXCALIBUR fights together yet they use no strategies, no teamwork!

Meggan also needs to improve. I know if she really wanted to, she could kick where it counts. Yet, like Rachel, she doesn't even seem to be using her abilities to a fraction of their true potential.

Finally, you need to get Kitty (Shadowcat) to pick up that Sword!

In conclusion, I would like to say -- keep up the excellent work and get some real action going.

So until Rachel's mine, Make Mine Marvel!

Scott Smith  
4249 Harwood St.  
Fremont, CA 94508

You've got to remember, Scott, these are people. They have doubts and problems just like all of us. Rachel may be superhumanly powerful -- but she's still human. Meggan, too! Try to keep this in mind and perhaps their actions will seem more reasonable.

We bet you're enjoying the current story . . . where Kitty finally grasps the Soulsword!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I hope you will pardon me. I came in late and therefore have doubtless missed out on a few things. Thus, I have a few

questions to ask you:

1. How old is Meggan?
2. How old is Captain Britain?
3. How many more members is EXCALIBUR going to get?
4. How do I reach the creators of EXCALIBUR?

Thank you for your time.

Jim Page  
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Welcome aboard, Jim! The ages of Meggan and Captain Britain have not yet been discussed in EXCALIBUR -- guess you'll just have to keep reading! There will be a new face in the team within the next six or seven months, but we don't want to spoil the surprise! You can always contact your favorite Marvel creative folks by writing to them in care of the address stop this page. We'll forward the mail to them!

Hope this helps!

Dear EXCALIBUR,

I have one question for you guys: If the Phoenix of this reality in EXCALIBUR is supposed to be the only one across the entire Multiverse how do you explain the many times Phoenix has appeared in WHAT IF...? The WHAT IF... stories are supposed to come from other realities, so what's your explanation?

Until Wolverine slays the Living Tribunal  
Make Mine Marvel.

Juan Sanchez  
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Houston, TX 77011

WHAT IF... is not part of the "real" Marvel Universe, Juan. It's fantasy -- fictional fiction!

## HEY, EVERYBODY!

Brad Vancata created the colors for EXCALIBUR #37, not Glynis Oliver, as was noted. No, this is not a mistake -- we're Marvel! We never make mistakes!

